**Lyric Analysis Mini-Essay Rubric**

**Introduction:**

* Starts with a general statement about the topic (2 pts)
* Introduces song and artist (2 pts)
* Ends with thesis (1 pts)
* Thesis connects themes (5 pts)

**Body Paragraphs:**

* Each paragraph begins with a theme as the topic sentence (5 points each)
* Includes **background** to explain what’s happening when using quotes (5 points each)
* Includes **evidence/** quotes from the song (5 points each)
* **Analyzes** quotes (10 points each)
* **Relates** analysis and quotes to thesis and overall argument (5 points each)

**Conclusion:**

* Relates thesis/analysis to author’s life (5 points)
* Quotes outside source to support biographical analysis (10 points)
* Cites sources for biographical analysis (5 points)